

price realised by STC during the year 2000, month-wise are given below:—

Month	Purchased Qty. (MT)	Sold Qt. (MT)	Sold Rate (Rs. Kg.) (Average)
Jan.	—	—	—
Feb.	—	—	—
March	297	—	—
April	848	735	30.08
May	3069	2638	30.16
June	3234	3227	30.20
July	3670	4279	29.46
Aug.	4269	3943	29.23
Sept.	1834	2255	29.61
Oct.	2194	2484	29.40
Nov.	1584	2176	30.60
Dec.	1779	1041	30.79
TOTAL:	22778	22778	29.95

(c) As per the existing Exim Policy (1997—2002) the export of Natural Rubber is already free and can be undertaken by any person or agency.

Investments made in industrial sector

19. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have made heavy investment in industrial sector;

(b) if so, the details of the investment made during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the total amount of investment proposed to be made in industrial sector during the next three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) to (c) The total investment, including share application money pending allotment, made by the Government in Central Public Sector Undertakings during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 works out to Rs. 4920 crores, Rs. 6541 crores and Rs. 2606 crores respectively. In the liberalised economic environment the private sector will play a major role in investment in industry. State-wise investment outlays approved for the industrial sector for the 9th plan (1997—2002) are as under:—

S. No. Name of the State/UT		Ninth Plan (1997—2002) Outlay (Rs. in crore)
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	962.13
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	46.10
3.	Assam	380.04
4.	Bihar	400.00
5.	Goa	34.55
6.	Gujarat	1205.00
7.	Haryana	144.68
8.	Himachal Pradesh	150.00
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	*395.00
10.	Karnataka	1026.00
11.	Kerala	1125.86
12.	Madhya Pradesh	1112.97
13.	Maharashtra	902.60
14.	Manipur	126.51
15.	Meghalaya	102.00
16.	Mizoram	68.92
17.	Nagaland	121.00
18.	Orissa	123.49

1	2	3
19.	Punjab	281.30
20.	Rajasthan	1753.38
21.	Sikkim	70.00
22.	Tamil Nadu	1402.91
23.	Tripura	79.34
24.	Uttar Pradesh	526.65
25.	West Bengal	1326.30
	TOTAL STATES	13866.73
	<i>Union Territories</i>	
1.	A&N Islands	38.00
2.	Chandigarh	3.09
3.	D&N Haveli	5.74
4.	Daman & Diu	3.60
5.	Delhi	110.00
6.	Lakshadweep	9.16
7.	Pondicherry	185.00
	TOTAL UTs	354.59
	GRAND TOTAL STATES/UTs	14221.32

*Indicates proposed outlay only.

Regional imbalances in industrial sector

20. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are regional imbalances in the industrial sector;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to remove these regional imbalances and by when?